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## California Labor Secretary Issues Statement on Job Numbers; Calls For Temporary Extension of Unemployment Benefits

**SACRAMENTO** -- Labor and Workforce Development Agency Secretary Victoria Bradshaw issued the following statement on today's release of employment figures for the month of May:

"Today's unrevised employment numbers deepen our concern for those hard hit in industry sectors such as housing, financial services and manufacturing. This administration continues to assist displaced workers with job training services and to speed the delivery of infrastructure bond money to stimulate the economy.

We're encouraged that other areas of the economy show job growth, with six of 11 industry sectors showing year over year gains. The national economy is clearly sputtering, and now is the time for Congress and the President to temporarily extend the duration of unemployment insurance benefits."

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